



Could Biden Unleash Worse Hell Over Ukraine Than He Did in Afghanistan?

Feb. 14—The Biden Administration, with a very bad misjudgment of the real condition of Afghanistan after 20 years of NATO's war there, made a rushed pull-out and then moved to seize all the country's cash and punish its people with no food, medical care or shelter in the dead of winter. It never even told America's NATO "allies" what it was doing. It's leaving a country destroyed.

Can the Biden White House now be allowed to make an even worse disaster in Europe—even a nuclear disaster—in a crisis, the "Ukraine crisis," which could set off a war to destroy humanity itself? The more and more angry and aggressive bluffing of Russia by the Biden Administration over Ukraine has brought us closer to nuclear war than we have ever been since October 1962, when the whole world was terrified by the Cuban Missiles Crisis.

One possibility is that Biden and his dubious national security team is looking for a victory to sell at home, by telling us Russia will invade Ukraine next week, tomorrow, any minute ... and then when Russia does not invade, telling us Biden's threat of crushing economic punishment stopped Putin. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said this was the "elaborate charade" yesterday on Twitter. Former U.S. Ambassador to Moscow Jack Matlock put out the idea in a column today, writing for the American Committee for U.S.-Russia Accord. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in her own way, hinted at it Sunday on "ABC This Week": "If we were not threatening the sanctions and the rest, it would guarantee that Putin would invade.... So, if Russia doesn't invade, it's not that he never intended to. It's just that the sanctions worked."

But we cannot rest on hope that this is political fakery. The Biden White House is punishing Afghanistan incompetently, but with a vengeance. It wants to punish Russia and destroy its economy. Senior White House officials said it in a background press briefing Jan. 25: The goal is "hit Putin's strategic ambitions to industrialize his economy quite hard.... Undercut Putin's aspirations to exert influence on the world stage." The officials vowed,

"we're talking about denying to Russia downstream products that are critical to its own ambitions to develop high-tech capabilities in aerospace and defense, lasers and sensors, maritime, AI, robotics, quantum, etc. ... And so, as we build this effort with our allies and partners, we're willing to work with any country in order to deny Russia an input that it needs to diversify its economy."

With that goal, Biden's team—which had "everything under control" in Afghanistan—is daring Russian President Putin to go to war. It is squeezing Ukraine's President Zelensky so hard that he feels compelled to contradict every Russian invasion forecast that London and Washington make.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in her widely read analysis Feb. 6, said "We Are 100 Seconds to Midnight on the Doomsday Clock: We Need a New Security Architecture." Two European bankers put out a call for France to block Ukraine's entry to NATO and leave the NATO strategic command, now, anything to stop the march toward war. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz went to Ukraine today to say, "The issue of [Ukraine's] membership in the alliance [NATO] is not on the agenda," so Russia should stop worrying about it. But the NATO weaponry America is pouring into Ukraine and around it is unprecedented: Ukraine's Defense Minister admits it now has far more anti-tank missiles than Russian tank targets.

We all need to mobilize ourselves, not to "watch and wait," as most were scared into doing in October 1962. There is no John F. Kennedy here to solve this. The solution is to compel more breaks toward negotiation, and to attack the cause, the threat of hyperinflationary collapse which the Biden Administration and Federal Reserve have done so much to bring on themselves and us. Our next D-Day is Saturday, Feb. 19, the Schiller Institute's all-day conference with the message of Helga Zepp-LaRouche's Feb. 6 article: We need a new security architecture, one based on economic recovery and development. Register for the conference and organize others.

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